

October 22, 2008

Dear Parents,

In a few weeks, we will begin a unit of study that will include recorders. Learning to play a recorder aids your student in music reading, learning the fundamentals of playing an instrument and playing as an ensemble. We also discuss the responsibilities that come with playing and taking care of an instrument.

It is my preference that your child use or purchase a Peripole or Aulos recorder for our study. It is important that your child have a quality instrument upon which to learn. Toy recorders typically do not produce an easy, quality tone for a beginner. If you have a recorder from an older student, most likely their recorder is a Peripole or Aulos.

The Farmington Music Department purchases recorders in bulk each year and receives a substantial discount on quality recorders. You may purchase a Peripole recorder through the Farmington Music Department for \$5.00. If you do not wish to purchase a recorder, one will be provided for your child. Students who do not purchase a recorder will use a school recorder, to be returned at the end of the school year.

Your child will be provided with a recorder book at no cost. They are expected to bring their recorder and book to each music class. Forgetting their recorder and book will result in an assignment card.

We use a version of "Recorder Karate" as incentive for student learning. As students master songs within each level, they earn a belt for their level of expertise. Students are expected to practice the songs at home. It is recommended that they practice 10-15 minutes each day. It may be helpful during the beginning stages of learning to break the practice time up in smaller chunks of time.

Please fill out the attached form and return it with your child to Mrs. Nordstrom. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me via e-mail or voice mail.

Sincerely,

Corynn Nordstrom, Elementary Music Teacher
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Recorder Form

Student name:

Classroom Teacher: Darin Kozlowski Quinn Wilder
(circle one)

Please check one of the following:

_____ My student already has a recorder to use in class.

_____ My student will purchase a recorder (please enclose \$5.00).

_____ My student will not purchase a recorder, please provide a school recorder for her/him.

Please place form and money in an envelope and return to Mrs. Nordstrom by

Thursday, November 5.

Cash only please, no checks or money orders.

